

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 50-88 are currently pending. Claims 50-54, 58-62, 64, 65, and 68-86 have been amended; and Claims 87 and 88 have been added by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.¹

Claims 68-85 have been amended to recite a “non-transitory” computer-readable storage medium to address U.S. Patent and Trademark Office formalities only. It is noted that the addition of “non-transitory” to the claims is a limitation of the medium itself (i.e., tangible, not a signal) as opposed to a limitation on data storage persistency (e.g., RAM vs. ROM).

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 50-53, 60, 61, 64, 65, 68-71, 78, 79, 82, and 83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,154,214 to Uyehara et al. (hereinafter “Uyehara”); and Claims 54-59, 62, 63, 66, 67, 72-77, 80, 81, 84, and 85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uyehara in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2009/0030978 to Johnson et al. (hereinafter “Johnson”).

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the interview granted Applicants’ representatives on April 9, 2010, at which time the differences between Claim 50 and Uyehara were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the outstanding rejection of Claim 50

¹ See, e.g., Fig. 57 and the discussion related thereto in the originally filed specification.

would be reconsidered, and/or a further search will be made, upon formal submission of a response to the outstanding Office Action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Amended Claim 50 is directed to an information processing apparatus, comprising:

 a communication unit configured to communicate with a portable device for playing content data; and

 a control unit configured

 to detect a connection between the information processing apparatus and the portable device via the communication unit, and

 to launch automatically a predetermined application installed in the information processing apparatus in response to the connection being detected, wherein

 said predetermined application is configured to transfer the content data between the portable device and the information processing apparatus, and to play the content data.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Uyehara is directed to hand-held computing devices and, more particularly, to a user interface and other software features for facilitating the viewing and management of informational content using a touch-sensitive display.²

The Office Action, apparently cites the Uyehara communications link between a reader device and a PC for teaching the claimed “communication unit”; and Uyehara establishment of a communication link when a user places the reader device in a cradle and automatic upload of any citations to the PC for teaching the claimed “control unit.”³

However, it is respectfully submitted that Uyehara fails to disclose a control unit configured to detect a connection between the information processing apparatus and the

² See Uyehara, column 1, lines 10-14.

³ See Office Action dated March 16, 2010, pages 2 and 3.

portable device via the communication unit, and to launch automatically a predetermined application installed in the information processing apparatus in response to the connection being detected. Rather, as discussed during the interview, Uyehara is silent as to **automatically launching** a predetermined application ***in response to a connection*** between the PC (i.e., the asserted information processing apparatus) and the reader device 30 (i.e., the asserted portable device) ***being detected***.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 50 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably defines over Uyehara.

Amended Claims 68 and 86 recite, *inter alia*,

launching automatically, by the control unit of the information processing apparatus, a predetermined application installed in the information processing apparatus in response to the portable device being detected to be connected to the information processing apparatus.

As noted above, Uyehara fails to disclose the control unit of Claim 50. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Uyehara fails to disclose the launching steps of Claims 68 and 86. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 68 and 86 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably define over Uyehara.

Amended Claim 64 recites, *inter alia*,

based on the launched application, said control unit controls a display unit to display an indication that the portable device is connected to the information processing apparatus.

Amended Claim 82 recites, *inter alia*,

based on the launched application, controlling, by said control unit, a display unit to display an indication that the portable device is connected to the information processing apparatus.

Regarding the rejections of dependent Claims 64 and 82 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the Office Action apparently cites the Uyehara screen orientation feature for teach all the features of those claims.⁴

However, it is respectfully submitted that Uyehara fails to disclose controlling a display unit to display an indication that the portable device is connected to the information processing apparatus. Rather, Uyehara discusses that Fig. 19 illustrates the steps that are performed **when a user touches the orientation key 80** while using the cited screen orientation feature.⁵ Uyehara does not disclose the *display of an indication that the reader device* (i.e., the asserted portable device) *is connected to the PC* (i.e., the asserted information processing apparatus).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of Claims 64 and 82 as being anticipated by Uyehara.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Regarding the rejections of dependent Claims 54-59, 62, 63, 66, 67, 72-77, 80, 81, 84, and 85 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that Johnson fails to remedy the deficiencies of Uyehara, as discussed above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 54-59, 62, 63, 66, 67, 72-77, 80, 81, 84, and 85 patentably define over any proper combination of Uyehara and Johnson.

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 50, 68, and 86 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably define over Uyehara and Johnson.

⁴ See Office Action dated March 16, 2010, pages 4 and 7.

⁵ See Uyehara, column 12, lines 50 and 51.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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